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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5025

INFO AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

UNCLAS RABAT 1608

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, BTRA

SUBJECT: RAILROAD TRADE MISSION MIGHT SELL IN MOROCCO

REF: A. RABAT 785

B. STATE 71883

C. WIRELESS FILE MARCH 26

1. EMBASSY NOTES PLANNED THREE WEEK VISIT OF RAILROAD TRADE MISSION TO NIGERIA, ZAIRE, ZAMBIA, AND BOTSWANA BEGINNING LAGOS APRIL 9 MENTIONED WIRELESS FILE OF MARCH 26.

2. OFFICE NATIONAL DE CHEMIN DE FER (ONCF), MOROCCAN NATIONAL RAILROAD COMPANY, IS IN MIDST OF MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR EXPANSION PROGRAM (SEE REF A).

3. EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED OFFICIAL IN ONCF PURCHASING OFFICE WHO ADVISES US MISSION WOULD BE WELCOME AND SEES POSSIBILITY OF SIGNIFICANT VOLUME OF BUSINESS FLOWING FROM VISIT.

4. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT TRADE MISSION ADD RABAT TO SCHEDULE. ONCF CONTACT SUGGESTS APRIL 28 AND 29 OR MAY 2 AND 3 ALTHOUGH ALTERNATIVE DATES POSSIBLE.

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5. NOT MENTIONED IN REF A IS PLAN TO CONSTRUCT 800 KM OF
NEW LINES TO JORF AL ASFAR (CAP BLANC) FROM BEN GUERIR
PHOSPHATE MINE IN ADDITION TO PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT.

6. RABAT IS PLEASANT STOP SO MISSION MEMBERS
SHOULD NOT BE GREATLY INCONVENIENCED BY ADDITION OF TWO
WORK DAYS. MOREOVER, TWA FLIES DIRECTLY FROM CASABLANCA
TO NEW YORK VIA LISBON.NEUMANN

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